



February 23, 2005

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Subject:** Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service - Docket 96-45

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make a few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Tella".

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